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AWARENESS PROGRAMMES BY THE RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have launched any awareness campaign to protect the train passengers from the gang of robbers who loot with sedatives in trains and railway premises;

(b) if so, the total number of persons against whom cases have been registered and those against whom action has been taken in this regard; and

(c) the details of treatment given to the affected railway passengers in the railway hospitals and other hospitals and assistance provided by the Railways to them?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir. Railways have launched passengers awareness programme to protect the train passengers from drugging gangs.

(b): It is pertinent to mention that maintenance of law and order is a State subject and power to investigate in IPC crimes are vested with Police. Registration and detection of IPC crimes is the responsibility of Government Railway Police which works under the control of the State Governments and as such, Ministry of Railways has to depend largely on them for control of crime over Railways.

Inspite of the above fact, Railways is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways by deploying Railway Protection Force staff to escort trains for security of passengers.During the year 2007, 714 cases of drugging of Railway passengers were reported. 304 persons involved in these cases were arrested by Railway Protection Force and handed over to the Government Railway Police for further legal action under the provisions of laws.

(c): Affected train passengers requiring medical treatment have been attended on trains, Railway stations and at the Railway Hospitals by the Railway Medical Officers. Supportive treatment was given with stomach wash, I.V. Fluids, Injections, Antibiotics in Railway Hospitals. After rendering First Aid, affected passengers, where necessary, were referred to the nearest Government Hospitals.